

[4th March 1925]

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ May I know the reasons why he was asked to go out of the Secretariat ? ”

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM :—“ There were no exceptional reasons. ”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ Is it because he was considered to be too independent and too nationalistic ? ”

“ With reference to clause (d) of the question, may I ask the hon. the Finance Member whether the question was referred to the Government of India as to whether such officers posted under section 100 of the Government of India Act, can be reverted by the Local Government and the Government of India said, ‘ No you have no such power, ’ and they asked the Local Government ‘ what are the circumstances ? ’ I want to know whether such correspondence went on between the Government of India and the Local Government. ”

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM :—“ The hon. Member is not correct in his details. ”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ May I ask for correct details ? ”

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM :—“ No, Sir. ”

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—“ The question is whether the post of Collector is not lower than that of a Secretary to Government and not of a junior Secretary to Government, and the answer restricts itself to a junior Secretary. ”

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM :—“ A distinction is drawn between the Chief Secretary and the Revenue Secretary (who is now called the second Secretary). All the others are junior Secretaries and they are included in the cadre of Collectors. The order is that they shall not remain in the Secretariat for more than three years. ”

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—“ Does the Collector of Madras get any allowance ? ”

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM :—“ Yes, he gets allowance. ”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ May I know whether the posting is within the powers of the Local Government and what the rules and sections are, in this matter ? ”

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM :—“ I cannot refer to the section of the Act at the present moment, but undoubtedly the matter is one within the discretion of the Local Government. ”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ I want to know whether the power to post a gentleman who has been appointed under the Government of India Act and to send him away to a Collector's post is conferred on the Local Government and, if so, under what section. ”

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM :—“ I cannot say off-hand, but section 46 of the Government of India Act appears to cover the case. ”

Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—“ Is the posting made as a punishment ? ”

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM :—“ Not necessarily. The rule is that the post of a Junior Secretary to Government shall not be held for more than three years. Ordinarily any officer who has put in three years in the Secretariat reverts as Collector. ”



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*Appointment of Diwan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao, C.S.I., as Collector of Madras.*

\* 310 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Diwan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao, C.S.I., was appointed Secretary to the Government of Madras in 1917 under section 100 of the Government of India Act with the approval of the Secretary of State in Council;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government of Madras then made special recommendation that he ought, under special circumstances of the case, to be appointed thereto;

(c) whether Diwan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao continued to act as Secretary to the Government of Madras till December 1924;

(d) whether it is a fact that he has since been reverted as Collector of Madras;

(e) whether it is a fact that on reference to the Government of India they have definitely stated that officers appointed to special posts under section 100 of the Government of India Act cannot be reverted to their original appointments and that the question of their unfitness cannot arise as the original appointments are made solely on the special recommendation of the Local Government; and

(f) if so, the reasons for reverting Diwan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao to the Collectorship of Madras?

A.—(a) to (d) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 309.

(e) No.

(f) The question does not arise.

*Provincial Service officers.*

\* 311 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is not a fact that the reversion of Diwan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao to the Collectorship of Madras has deprived the Provincial Service of one of the three 'listed' high appointments specially reserved for them; and

(b) if so, what steps the Government propose to take to secure to the Provincial Service officers the four posts that had been held by them hitherto?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The question does not arise.

*Collectorates.*

*Increment of pay to unpassed men in the Revenue Department.*

\* 312 Q.—MR. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been issued a recent B.P. No. 3148, dated 25th July 1924, to the effect that increments of pay